



BOSTON'S
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THE BOOK
Which
Influenced My Life
the Most

AND - IN THEIR OWN

WORDS - TELL WHY

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I The Holy Bible

[x]

"the Book of Books."

"guides in thought and
action, and everyday
living and gives me hope
for the future, no matter
what the situation at
present."

"inspired good actions
gave hope
gave strength to life."

II Exodus by Leon M. Uris

[x]

"emphasized man's inhumanity
to man and dangers of world
dictators."

"gave me an inside picture
of the magnificent fight
for freedom."

"explained the plight and
horrors of those oppressed
people."

"was about the persecution
of the Jews, which is my
faith."

III Anne Frank: the diary of
a young girl

[x]

"concerned the emotions of
a girl my age. I believe
that youthful experiences
are universal."

"showed me the gifts of life
which I took for granted."

"made me realize how precious
life is and it scared me to
think it was true."

"made me feel proud to be a Jew."

IV Books by Dr. Looley

The night they burned the
mountain

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"made me realize the necessity
for more doctors in other
parts of the world. If and
when I become a doctor I
would like to devote at least
two or three years of my life
in Africa, China, or wherever
I am needed."

Deliver us from evil

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"showed me the true picture
of Viet Nam and Laos."

The edge of tomorrow

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"awakened me to the
responsibility which we
have to our fellow man."

"helped me to understand
suffering."

"made me realize the horrors of
Communism and the suffering of
the people of Asia."

V The story of my life [x]
by Helen A. Keller

"helped me realize what
life would be like to
be blind and deaf...
that a person can do
anything he puts his
mind to."

VI 'Twixt twelve and [x]
twenty by Pat Boone

"told me the do's and
don't's. It explained
to me things that were
a mystery to me."

"gave me encouragement
to go on in life."

VII Ben Hur, a tale of the [x]
Christ by Lewis Wallace

"makes me think about
helping a non-friend."

"has timeless emotions."

VIII The nun's story by [x]
Kathryn C. Hulme

"inspired me greatly
towards a better life."

IX Sue Barton series by [x]
Helen D. Boylston

"helped me to figure out
what it means to be a
nurse."

X Karen by
 Marie L. Killilea

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"made me feel it was
happening to me."

XI Dear Abby by
 Abigail Van Buren

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"changed my mind and
attitude."

XII Fifteen by
 Beverly Cleary

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"held my interest and
reminded me of my own
problems at my present
age."

XIII The ugly American by
 William J. Lederer

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"showed how great a
threat Communism is."

"made me realize how
~~callous and conceited~~
Americans can be...It
jolted me out of my
mediocre opinions."

"impressed me with what
an average citizen can
do for his country."

XIV Great expectations by
 Charles Dickens

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"showed me what to expect
in life and how to take
it."

"showed me the voracity and jealousy of our world then as well as now."

XV As gold in the furnace, the x
life of Blessed Julie
Billiard by Sister Mary Fidelis

"showed the real courage one must possess to be considered a part of the adult world."

XVI The robe by Lloyd C. Douglas x

"gave me a better understanding of life and our reasons for being here."

"I just liked it."

XVII Profiles in courage by x
John F. Kennedy

"made me appreciate my American freedom. Now more than anything else, I enjoy politics."

"showed me that all great men have to face criticism."

"showed what makes men rise to greatness when the occasion calls for it."

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